



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to Autumn 2 – the run up to Christmas. In this half term, there are lots of things going on! We obviously have lots of festivities planned – have a look at the diary dates section, please make sure you don't miss out! Lots more added! We will also be carrying out assessments in and amongst Christmas activities – so, as always, attendance is imperative.

The weather today is particularly autumnal! A reminder please, for all children to bring appropriate clothing, including coats every day. The weather will also be getting colder, so please make sure that as it does, they bring hats, scarves and gloves, as wherever possible we will get the children out to play.

On the topic of weather, there is snow forecast for next week. I am keeping everything crossed that it doesn't appear! However, as a reminder, if we do need to close school for poor weather, this would only ever be for health and safety reasons. We will communicate any school closures as quickly as possible – via email, Dojo and Facebook. This is always a very difficult decision to make and not one made lightly, but the safety of the children and staff has got to come first.

Thank you all for your donations for the Children in Need charity appeal. Together we have raised £160.90, which will be sent off to this super charity.

Have a lovely weekend,

Headteacher



Ripponden Attendance Superstars

As you know, the government have placed a greater emphasis on school attendance, as is reflected in the fact that I am unable to authorise any term time holiday. They also monitor every school's attendance on a weekly and termly basis.

It was released yesterday that national and similar school comparisons are being made for attendance and absence levels, and I am really happy to say that we have been highlighted as one of the highest performing schools for attendance. Thank you to everyone for pulling together and ensuring our children get the best possible education. Now let's make sure we maintain this status!

Great Oaks visit the War Memorial

On Thursdays this term, Great Oaks are learning about local history with Mrs Bolton. This week they visited the war memorial to talk about how we remember those that have died in the First and Second World Wars. They looked at the names and the dates on the memorial. They also stopped at the post box to talk about the first postage stamps and what the markings on the post box mean, and they talked about the first co-op store. Back at school, they put all these events into a timeline.



Parking Reminders

Just a reminder, please, to be considerate about where you park around school. Please do not park in the resident parking bays of Greenacres and also be mindful of Brig Royd and the doctor's surgery. Many thanks for your understanding.

Football Tournament Report: 10th November – by Marcello, Year 6

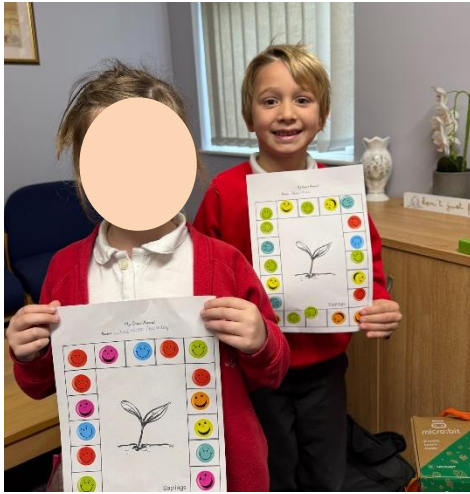
The tournament started with a thrilling match against Barkisland. It was 0-0 but the score doesn't speak for itself. There were amazing plays for Ripponden but sadly they were shooting against a brick wall. Their keeper was making saves from left to right to make it a 0-0 draw.

After that, we played Copley. It was a 2-0 win to Ripponden with Ivan dancing past players and me assisting Sol to do an impeccable finish and with some great defending from George Le and Reggie at the back, we had a comfortable win.

After a talk with Pete, we played Triangle who beat us 1-0 but even though we lost we did show what our school stands for, being resilient and we stuck with it.

For the last match we played The Gleddings where Theo scored two stunning goals in the last five minutes with Pete's brilliant tactics. We pushed until the ref blew his whistle and went to the winning announcement with confident faces and left with a positive 3rd placement, which is great for our first tournament!





Grove Award Stars!

Well done to these two superstars who have been the first two in the whole school to fill their Grove Awards! Well done to Lillie-Rose and Abel who will be sporting their new Grove Award badges and are already working on their Orchard Awards. Well done guys, keep up the hard work!



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**£1 per
week**

**Weekly
cash prizes**

**£25,000
jackpot**



Splitting the £1.00

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Ripponden J & I School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Ripponden J & I School




■	40p goes to our school
■	36p goes to cash prizes
■	20p goes to admin costs
■	4p goes to VAT



The Maths...

100 tickets sold a week means

= £30 weekly cash prize

= £2,080 a year for our school



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Diary Dates

Lots of dates will be added regularly – keep an eye on the diary dates section! We will add more detail in the coming weeks.

November

Monday 17 th	Year 6 Bikeability Saplings and Great Oaks trip to Chester Zoo Christmas Baubles on Sale
Friday 21 st	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 24 th	Girls Football Tournament
Wednesday 26 th	Cross Country Tournament
Friday 28 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Baubles to be returned R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

December

Tuesday 2 nd	Coffee morning
Friday 5 th	Secret Santa Shop KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm Clubs finish for Christmas
Monday 8 th	Rock Steady Concert Secret Santa 'mop up'
Tuesday 9 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 10 th	R/KS1 Christmas Production – 10am and 2pm
Friday 12 th	Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree
Monday 15 th	Christmas Parties for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday 16 th	Christmas Parties for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Busy Bees Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th	KS2 Christmas Production at St Bartholomew's Church – 2pm School finishes for Christmas
Friday 19 th	Training Day – school closed – Busy Bees open
Monday 22 nd	Busy Bees Open
Tuesday 23 rd	Busy Bees Open
Monday 29 th	Busy Bees Open
Tuesday 30 th	Busy Bees Open

January 2026

Friday 2 nd	Busy Bees Open
Monday 5 th	School reopens for the Spring Term

2025/2026 Calendar of main events

This is a summary of main events. Please keep looking at the half-termly diary dates section on the newsletter, as they get updated regularly.

	September	October	November	December
1	TRAINING DAY			
2				Coffee Morning
3		KS2 Celebration	TRAINING DAY	
4				
5				KS2 Celebration. Clubs finish for Christmas
6		Y6 Bikeability		
7		Y6 Bikeability Individual Photos	KS2 Celebration	
8	Welcome Evenings this week			
9	Coffee Morning			
10		R/KS1 Celebration		R/KS1 Christmas Production 10am/2pm
11			Coffee morning	
12	R/KS1 Celebration.			Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree
13				
14			Children in Need R/KS1 Celebration	
15	Clubs start			
16				
17		KS2 Celebration		
18				KS2 Christmas production – 2pm Church School closes for Christmas
19	KS2 Celebration			TRAINING DAY
20				
21		Parents Evening	KS2 Celebration	
22				
23		Parents Evening		
24	Phonics information session	R/KS1 Celebration. Break up for half term		
25				
26	R/KS1 Celebration.			
27				
28			R/KS1 Celebration	
29				
30	Staff Meeting			
31				

	January	February	March
1			
2			
3			
4			
5	School reopens		World Book Day
6		KS2 Celebration Young Voices	KS2 Celebration
7			
8			
9			
10			Parents Evening
11			
12	Clubs restart	Break up for half term	Parents Evening
13		TRAINING DAY	
14			
15			
16	R/KS1 Celebration		
17			
18			
19			
20			R/KS1 Celebration Clubs finish for Easter
21			
22			
23	KS2 Celebration		
24			
25			
26			
27		R/KS1 Celebration	KS2 Celebration. School closes for Easter
28			
29			
30	R/KS1 Celebration		
31			

	April	May	June	July
1		KS2 Celebration	School reopens	
2				
3				Clubs finish for summer Transition Day
4		BANK HOLIDAY		
5			KS2 Celebration	
6				
7				
8			Redwoods Residential all week	
9				
10				Reports Out
11		Y6 SATs Week		
12			R/KS1 Celebration	
13	School reopens			
14				
15		KS2 Celebration.		Year 6 Production
16			Class photos	
17				School closes for summer
18				
19			KS2 Celebration	
20	Clubs restart			
21				
22		R/KS1 Celebration. Close for half term	Sports Week	
23			Sports Day	
24	R/KS1 Celebration.			
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26			R/KS1 Celebration	
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